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Our Case No. 9333/284

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Hideki Ito

Examiner: Tan X. Dinh

Group Art Unit No.: 2653

For: AUDIO DEVICE, METHOD FOR MANAGING
TRACK FILES, AND METHOD FOR PLAYING
BACK TRACKS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

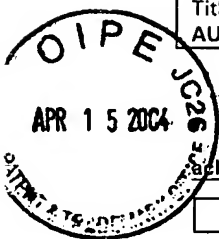
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This paper is timely submitted on April 12, 2004 in response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2004 setting forth a restriction requirement.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 9333/284
Serial No. 10/057,603	Filing Date January 24, 2002	Examiner Tan X. Dinh	Group Art Unit 2653
Inventor(s) Hideki Ito			
Title of Invention AUDIO DEVICE, METHOD FOR MANAGING TRACK FILES, AND METHOD FOR PLAYING BACK TRACKS			



TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is PTO Transmittal (in dup.), Response to Restriction Requirement and return postcard acknowledging receipt.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ Petition for a ____ month extension of time.
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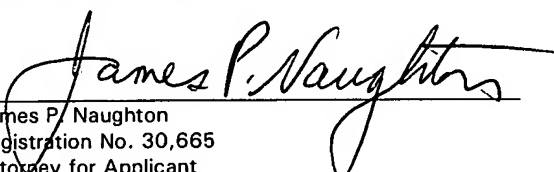
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x 42 =	
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Total add'l fee	\$

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